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SUBJECT:JAPANESE STUDY TEAM AND EIGHTH TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH PANEL

REF:(A) TOKYO 7240 (B) TOKYO 8073

1. RE REF B PLEASE ADVISE WAKASONE JAPANESE STUDY TEAM
VERY WELCOME. FHWA PLANS COVER ALL ITEMS WITH PROGRAM
JULY 9 STARTING WITH 0900 COURTESY CALL ON GOVERNOR TIEMANN,
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR, AND SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS WITH
G. R. LOVE, ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR FOR R AND D AND
H. A. LINDBERG, ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENGINEERING AND
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS (LATTER WILL HEAD DOT TRP DELEGATION -
SEE BELOW). TEAM WILL THEN GO TO FAIRBANKS HIGHWAY RESEARCH
STATION FOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS DR. WOLMAN'S STAFF AND
ASSOCIATES, AND PICNIC LUNCH. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSIONS,
TEAM WILL VISIT WASHINGTON URBAN TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM IN
LATE AFTERNOON. PLEASE ALSO ADVISE WAKASONE THAT FHWA LOOKS
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FORWARD TO RECEIVING SHORT BRIEFING DURING A.M. ON JAPANESE
ERGS RESEARCH (PARA 2(B) REF B) AND WOULD APPRECIATE CON-
FIRMATION THAT THIS WILL BE POSSIBLE. REQUEST EMBASSY
ASCERTAIN ENGLISH LANGUAGE CAPABILITY OF TEAM.

2. RE PARA 5 REF. B. DOT UNDERSTANDS MOT-MITI PROBLEM. NEVERTHELESS, DOT IS ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM BENEFITS FROM VERY CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE INVOLVED IN SENDING ITS OFFICIALS TO JAPAN ESPECIALLY AT TIME WHEN ALL AGENCIES ARE UNDER EXTREME PRESSURE REGARDING TRAVEL FUNDS. EMBASSY SHOULD ADVISE YOSHINO THAT DURING TRP DOT WILL WISH TO DISCUSS MECHANISM FOR HANDLING FUTURE CASES WHERE A TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH TOPIC IS UNDER RESPONSIBILITY OF JAPANESE MINISTRIES OTHER THAN MOT. SUGGESTED PROCEDURE FOR FORTHCOMING MEETING GIVEN BELOW PARA 4.

3. RE REF A. PARA 1.

(A) DOT DELEGATION MEMBER ADDRESSING THIS ITEM WILL BE MR. GEORGE PASTOR, ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION. PASTOR PLANS OKINAWA VISIT WEEK OF JULY 28 AND EMBASSY WILL BE ADVISED OF EXACT ITINERARY SHORTLY.

(B) DELEGATION MEMBER WILL BE ROBERT L. MAXWELL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT, OFFICE OF SYSTEMS ENGINEERING. MAXWELL PLANS STOPOVER IN OKINAWA ARRIVING AUGUST 4 AND IS MAKING TOKYO AND OKINAWA RESERVATIONS HIMSELF THROUGH U.S. TRAVEL AGENT.

(C) DELEGATION MEMBER WILL BE MR. JOSEPH CANNY, CHIEF, ANALYSIS DIVISION OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY. U.S. COAST GUARD IS NOT ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN TRP MEETING. USCG EXPERTS IN OIL SPILL CONTROL MET WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN JAPAN IN OCTOBER 1974 DURING UJNR MARINE FACILITIES PANEL MEETING, AND USCG PLANS TO PREPARE WRITTEN UPDATE OF ITEMS PRESENTED LAST OCTOBER. CANNY IS FAMILIAR WITH MARINE AREA, AND WILL COVER THIS AREA BASED UPON USCG MATERIALS. CANNY WILL NOT VISIT OKINAWA.

4. REF PARA 2 REF. A. DOT DELEGATION HEAD WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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H. A. LINDBERG, ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENGINEERING

AND TRAFFIOPERATIONS, FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION. IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE MOT WISH NOT TO HAVE MITI ITEMS ON TRP AGENDA DOT SUGGESTS NEW AGENDA ITEM D TO COVER HIGHWAY MATTERS FALLING UNDER MOT CONTROL AS FOLLOWS: CHANGING ROLE OF THE URBAN EXPRESSWAY AND CURRENT STATUS OF URBAN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT. LINDBERG REMAINS STRONGLY INTERESTED IN COMPUTER TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEMS. REQUEST FOLLOWING MEETINGS/VISITS BE ARRANGED FOR LINDBERG ON JULY 23: (1) MEETING WITH MITI TO DISCUSS ERGS AND CACS (COMPREHENSIVE AUTOMOBILE CONTROL SYSTEM); (2) VISIT OF

NEW LABORATORY OF PUBLIC WORKS RESEARCH INSTITUTE (PWRI)
(MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION) IN TOKYO. WOLMAN CONTACT AT
PWRI WAS DR. ING. KAORU ICHIHARA.

5. REF A. PARA 4 DOT REGRETS VERY MUCH THAT IT IS NOT
POSSIBLE FOR THE TWO EXPERTS IN THESE FIELDS TO TRAVEL
TO JAPAN AT THIS TIME. DOT WILL AIRPOUCH LATEST REPORTS
IN SUBJECTS AREAS 4(D) AND 4(E). FYI: SEVERE TRAVEL
EXPENSE LIMITATIONS MAKE TRIP FOR THESE OFFICIALS IM-
POSSIBLE IN FY 76. END FYL.

6. RE PARA 3 REF (A) GADE WAS INDISPOSED BUT FHWA WAS
REPRESENTED AT UJNR WIND PANEL LAST MONTH, ALTHOUGH
NOT BY AN OFFICIAL FAMILIAR WITH NERGS. AS STATED PARA 4
ABOVE DOT/FHWA REMAINS VERY INTERESTED IN THIS SUBJECT.

7. DOT ASSUMES THAT PAST PRACTICE OF EXCHANGING DOCUMENTS
ON EACH AGENDA TOPIC PRIOR TO PANEL MEETINGS WILL ALSO
APPLY THIS YEAR.

8. EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT BE-
TWEEN DOT AND JNR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CANADIAN
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT HAS BEEN INVITED WITH RESPECT TO
AGENDA ITEM B. DOT ASSUMES THAT JNR HAS COORDINATED WITH
YOSHINO BUT SUGGESTS EMBASSY CHECK THIS POINT WITH HIM.
CANADIAN OFFICIAL EXPECTED IS PETER EGGLETON, MAGNETIC
LEVITATION PROJECT ENGINEER.

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9. DETAILED DELEGATION TRAVEL PLANS WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL.
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